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For: USE OF BLOOD AND PLASMA DONOR SAMPLES AND DATA IN THE DRUG DISCOVERY PROCESS	) ) )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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